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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to maintain America's unity of spirit by building up her religious thinking is of the utmost importance where war is concerned; and

WHEREAS, our ability to resist and preserve our democracy will, in the last analysis, rest upon the faith nurtured in the churches; and

WHEREAS, the political structure of America was founded upon faith in God and was a practical expression of religion, and only insofar as America is spiritually strong will she be able to defend the political ideals for which the founders of our Republic pledged their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 12 to October 18, 1942, as

BIBLE WEEK

and I call upon all of the citizens of South Dakota to cooperate with the Laymen's National Committee so that when Bible Week comes round a wave of true religious fervor can be rolled up which will sweep over every city and county of the State and carry the crest of its unmistakable meaning to every nation in the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this 18th day of September, 1942.

Governor

ATTEST:
Secretary of State